

THE DEEP END - A ROYAL WEDDING

28th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Today's gospel is difficult. Stories of judgement, weeping and gnashing of teeth just do not appeal to most people. We hear about a King whose invitations to his son's wedding banquet are repeatedly refused. In some instances his messengers are killed. One interpretation of this parable is that it is an allegory for the Jesus story, God's invitation to the Messianic banquet has been refused by those who are expected to embrace it. This banquet is therefore opened up to the unexpected, the Gentiles, the poor, those on the margins, the outcast.

Going deeper again, we can hear that God wants to be in a relationship with each of us. We are all invited to this banquet. Yet, sometimes we exclude ourselves from being in fellowship with God. We may be hurt, suffering in a way that is preventing us from accepting the invitation to experience God's love and hospitality. We simply want to be left alone. Notice how the host in this parable persists. God does not give up on us.



And what about that poor chap who did come but was not suitably dressed? If we accept the invitation we should be ready for change and not just change of an outer garment, real change. Because any real experience of God in our lives transforms us in some way or another. Parables were meant to shock those who heard them. The Gospel is meant to make us uncomfortable. Otherwise, what changes for us? We can sit around and listen to nice gentle passages that keep us comforted, or we can be challenged and moved to experiencing something real, something which requires us to show up and be transformed. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation.

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SCOIL IDE JUNIOR INFANTS APPLICATIONS 2021

Due to updated legislation, applications will open on 1st October for 2021 Junior Infants Intake. Applications are only accepted in the year previous to starting school and are conducted through our website: www.scoilide.ie



In September 2021 we will be able to take in three classes. If you or your neighbours have children due to start school be sure to log in to www.scoilide.ie on or after 1st October 2020 and make the application. Please be sure to read the enrolment policy also, as all offers of places will be made in accordance to this.

PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



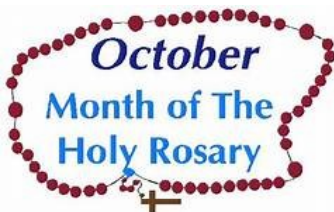
In compliance with public health guidelines, public masses are suspended for the time being. St Nicholas

Parish will continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

Our weekend online masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10:30, 12 noon. Daily mass : 9:45am Monday to Friday (beginning next Monday, Oct 12th)

To view, click onto the Parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv

St Nicholas church will remain open each day for private prayer.



The month of October is the month of the Rosary.

Everyone is invited to tune into a live stream praying of the Rosary for various intentions on the Parish Webcam from St. Nicholas church.

This will take place Monday to Friday each week at 7pm, from 5th to 30th October.

Congratulations to the children from the three classes in Scoil Ide who received their **First Holy Communion** in recent weeks.



FEAST DAYS

Oct 14 St Callistus, Pope & Martyr

15 St Teresa of Avila

16 St Margaret Mary

17 St Ignatius of Antioch



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 11th Oct. 2020, 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Website: www.saintnicholasparish.ie

Office email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Newsletter email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Webcam: <https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

ALL MASSES ARE CURRENTLY ONLINE ONLY

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



Weekday: St. Munchin's chapel, 9.45am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Weekend: St. Nicholas Church

Saturday: 6pm and Sunday: 10.30am

St. Munchin's Chapel, 12 noon

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LIVE STREAMED PARISH MASSES

Masses and special services (Communions, etc) taking place in St. Nicholas church can be viewed live via the parish webcam.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.



By Wednesday, please send details to

Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193

or stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the Parish Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm-4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.

Phone: 061 341300



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital.



Continue to pray for John, Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, and Dympna.

Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

If you know of anybody needing prayers, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen